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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: RESULTS OF SECOND SESSION ON APRIL 6

1. THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS ON APRIL 6 WAS LONG, DIFFUSE, AND ESSENTIALLY NON-PRODUCTIVE. MOST OF THE SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO A LENGTHY AND WELL ORGANIZED DEFENSE BY GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS OF THE GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL. PAPADOPOULOS EXPLAINED HOW AND WHY THE LINE HAD BEEN DRAWN ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP. HE INSISTED THAT THE TURKISH ZONE WOULD HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO ASSURE IT ECONOMIC VIABILITY. PAPADOPOULOS PRODUCED STATISTICS IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW THAT THERE WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH AGRICULTURAL LAND TO MAKE EVERY TURKISH FARMER RICH AND ENOUGH FOREST AND WATER AND EVEN SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF HOTELS TO ENABLE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO ENJOY A BOOMING TOURIST INDUSTRY. INDEED, SAID PAPADOPOULOS, IF THE 120,000 TURKS IN THE NORTH WERE TO EXPLOIT THE RESOURCES THEY HAD, ALL OF
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THEM COULD LIVE LIKE KINGS.

2. THIS ANALYSIS NATURALLY DID NOT SIT WELL WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN WHO SAID SIMPLY THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSAL WAS INADEQUATE AND THAT PAPADOPOULOS' DEFENSE OF IT, LIKE ALL OF HIS OTHER PRESENTATIONS DURING THE PAST WEEK, WAS PART OF A

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PROPAGANDA EFFORT WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD MOUNTED. THIS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN WAS THE VERY OPPOSITE OF A NEGOTIATION IN GOOD FAITH AND WHILE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS DID NOT HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO THE WORLD PRESS AS THE GREEK COMMUNITY, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE TRYING TO DO EVEN IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MANAGED TO FOOL MOST OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

3. AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS OF TERRITORY HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED, PAPADOPOULOS ASKED IF ONAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, HOWEVER BRIEFLY, THE MISSING PERSON QUESTION EITHER AT THE SESSION OR IN PRIVATE ONCE IT WAS COMPLETED. ONAN REPLIED NEGATIVELY, NOTING THAT THE MISSING PERSON PROBLEM WAS NOT PART OF THE AGREED GUIDELINES AND THAT HE HAD NO AUTHORIZATION FROM DENKTASH TO DISCUSS IT IN VIENNA. PAPDOPOULOS SAID THIS WAS CONTRARY TO THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN MARARIOS AND DENKTASH IN FEBRUARY AND THAT HE WOULD RAISE THE MATTER ON THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 7.

4. THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION WAS TAKEN UP WITH DISCUSSION OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE (SEE SEPTEL). THE TURKS ESSENTIALLY WANTED A DOCUMENT WHICH WAS UPBEAT IN TONE SUGGESTING THAT THE VIENNA SESSIONS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS INSISTED THAT SOME MENTION BE MADE OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS BY BOTH SIDES AND ASKED THAT THERE BE A SENTENCE OR MORE REFLECTING THE FACT
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THAT THERE WERE BASIC DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE POSITIONS EXPRESSED BY THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON ALL THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES. AN ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITIONS ON THE COMMUNIQUE WILL BE SOUGHT ON THRUSDAY MORNING, APRIL 7.
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